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Celebrate July 4th at St. Johns

The auto racing part of the celebration to be held in St. Johns July 4th and 5th, is well under way. The track is being put into shape and will be much better than at any previous race and this is saying a good deal as it was declared equal to any in the state by race experts.

We have assurances from the towns of Albuquerque, Gallup and Holbrook to date and contestants are showing keen interest.

The committee think that at least 10 cars will enter the big free for all race.

St. Johns has guaranteed \$1000 for this race and the committee hopes to double this amount.

At a booster meeting held last night the following persons were chosen as the general Fourth of July committee: E. I. Whiting, H. W. Furlong, Maurice Barth, M. J. Norton, T. J. Bouldin, A. F. Anderson, Abel Ortega, A. E. Thurber, Edward Schuster. Watch for further developments.

Emmett Waite and family accompanied by Miss Lillian Jolley returned from a 10 days visit at Ramah and Gallup, N. M.

Jacob Barth and his father who have been in San Francisco for the past few weeks are expected home within the next few days.

FOR RENT—A good pasture for cows. Will come and get your cows and bring them home. See Julius Cropas.

Men's Stronghold Overalls, Khaki Trousers and Riding Trousers, also a full line of the well known Henden Shirts at the St. Johns Store.

We note in the Navajo county paper the announcement of T. R. Greer, district attorney of that county for Judge of the Superior Court.

Oscar Schultz an escaped convict from the state penitentiary at Florence and a young lad named Nicoll, held up and robbed the bank at Cooley last Monday. Nicoll's has been captured but Schultz has not yet been taken although a posse is on his trail. Schultz, it will be remembered, in company with a young boy held up a tourist between St. Johns and Springerville some two years ago for which crime he was sent to the state pen and later escaped. It is said only a small amount of money was obtained in the bank robbery, probably not over \$200.

LATER—Word has just been received that the posse on the trail of Schultz, surrounded him at or near Beaver creek and after a skirmish he was killed.

Attention Ladies

There will be a social at the Academy Saturday evening in honor of the retiring presidency of the Relief Society. You and your husband are cordially extended an invitation. Come early and bring your picnic.

Attention Gardeners

All ladies, boys and girls who have joined, or who wish to join the Home Garden Contest; please call at the office of the Northern Arizona Land Company for your score cards.

W. P. DAVENPORT.

BITS OF NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

The sadest tragedy Flagstaff has had in years occurred early Tuesday morning when Mrs. Hulda Van Zee and her twenty-nine months old baby boy were burned to death in a fire that totally destroyed their home, and another son, aged 14, was so severely burned that he died at Mercy hospital next morning. Four other children of the family had very narrow escapes from death and one, a little girl, was painfully burned. The fire, it is thought, originated in a defective flue.

Alejandro Marquez of Williams, after a quarrel with his wife over an intoxicating herb, which she destroyed, stabbed himself six times in the breast at his home, last Saturday night.

Maricopa county is minus over 36,000 gophers as the result of the boys' contest which closed this week. The contest was conducted by the United States biological survey and the University of Arizona.

According to press reports the smallpox is raging in Tucson. More than 1000 people were vaccinated on the first days of the free vaccination station under the direction of the city and county health departments.

Imports and exports through ports of the Arizona customs district for the month of April were valued at \$1,092,003, more than \$100,000 higher than the March figures, according to the monthly report of Collector of Customs Charles T. Fowler, made public here today. Exports through the port of Nogales totaled \$510,881 and imports \$325,330; Douglas exports totaled \$87,150 and imports \$9,988.

Gov. Thos. E. Campbell left last Friday for New York City for the purpose of delivering \$1,500,000 worth of tax anticipation bonds to the Bankers Trust Co., thereby closing the deal whereby the state will be supplied with funds to meet its current expenses until tax funds are received.

Juan Pistola, chief of all Yaqui tribes in Arizona, died at his home in the village of Barria Antita three miles northwest of Tucson, last Saturday.

Eric Ericson, 36 years old, and who has lived near Flagstaff for some time, was found in his room a few days ago, unconscious as the result of self-inflicted knife wounds. He was taken to Mercy hospital pending examination as to his sanity. After a hearing by Judge J. E. Jones and Drs. Felix Manning and M. G. Froncke, he was committed to the state asylum.

Lorenzo Chavez stabbed Enrique Trujillo with a dagger Tuesday afternoon at Winslow. The cause of the trouble is said to be a woman both men are enamored of. Chavez is in jail. Trujillo, it is thought will recover.

FOR SALE—160 acres good land, mostly farming land, with house, barn, corrals, two wells of good water. See or write Eugene Gillispie, Concho, Arizona.

UNSEEN POWER OF VISION IS POSSESSED BY VISITOR.

B. F. Pearson of Salt Lake, Utah, who accompanied Supervisor C. E. Owens to Holbrook from that city last week, has returned from southern Apache county.

Mr. Pearson appears to have a strange power in which he possesses the faculty of seeing things not possible for the rest of us. From what the gentleman says, visions come to him during his sleeping hours, many of them from scenes far away, and at places he has never visited.

Many strange things have happened in his life. He is the one who, while at his home in Salt Lake City not long ago, had a vision of the man who murdered Schwab, the Salt Lake salesman, whose home was also in Salt Lake. Mr. Pearson immediately wrote a letter to the authorities at Flagstaff in which he showed how the automobile had left Winslow; the road taken from there to Flagstaff, and the route taken to an old well out from that city, where the murder had been committed, the body being deposited in the well. The officers went to the place, according to directions, and found the conditions just as Mr. Pearson had stated and discovered the body as directed.

The queer part of the whole proceeding was that Mr. Pearson had never visited Flagstaff, nor was he acquainted with Schwab. Probably due to the fact that the salesman resided in Salt Lake is the reason he gives for getting the vision.

At other times Mr. Pearson receives insight into many things through his sleeping hours. He does not understand why he should get them any more than anyone else, neither does he realize why certain things are brought to his mind while others are not. One remarkable instance that he told the editor of the Holbrook Tribune was in relation to a large amount of money which had been buried in a trunk in the southern part of the state. The facts appeared to him one night in his sleep, and the next day he set about to get funds to go after the treasure. He was positive he could go directly to the spot, though he had never been there before. Try as he would, he could not interest any of his friends. They said that they doubted his sanity and felt that it was simply a wild dream. He then gave it up. Not long after, he saw in the newspaper dispatches where a cowboy, whom he said in his vision would get the money, had found it. Then, of course, the friends whom he had asked for the money to go after the cache were all up in the air, stating that they had made the mistake of their lives.

Mr. Pearson says that these visions come to him right along, and while he gives the facts to those who would be benefited, he never does it for money. He says that from the experience of the treasure box incident he feels that it was not intended he should get the money, but evidently it was to go to the cowboy.

During the past week Mr. Pearson has been up in the sec-

tion of the country about 50 miles southeast of St. Johns, where he went to investigate some valuable mineral deposits that showed up to him in one of his nightly visions. Before he leaves Holbrook it is said to be his intention to do some investigating about the Holbrook oil field, he having received some visions relating to some hidden wealth in the matter of petroleum pools which he says are existent in this part of the country.

Mr. Pearson is an unassuming gentleman, pleasant and entertaining to talk to, and in every way shows his great confidence in the things that appear to him nightly. One cannot talk to him without discerning his extreme honesty and at the same time observe his desire to keep to the truth. He is a member of the Latter Day Saints church, Salt Lake City.—Holbrook Tribune.

A PROCLAMATION OF MEMORIAL DAY

On one day each year we turn aside from the ordinary activities of life to gratefully recall the sacrifices of those who died and those who suffered in order that these United States might be and might endure, and to deck with springtime's fairest flowers the spots where they lie sleeping. This is a beautiful custom and one of great value if in our hearts we truly observe it. On the other hand perfunctory acknowledgment of the day, or perversion of its high purpose into that of an ordinary holiday for sports and merry-making is worse than no observance at all, tending as it does to dull the sense of patriotism and diminish appreciation of real American institutions.

The day belongs to those who have sacrificed their all for this, our country. On this day they live again, and we honor them with Nature's brightest blossoms. On this day they once more become real, and through the memory of their devotion to America we are inspired to live as they would have us live, and be what they would have us be—real American citizens. Unless it brings this meaning into our lives, Memorial Day is an empty ceremonial, devoid of force or life.

In our solemn acknowledgment of the incalculable debt we owe our hero dead let us also not forget to alleviate the sufferings of the living. It has been most appropriately suggested by the various organizations of ex-service men that Memorial Day be marked by the general wearing of the Flanders Poppy, the inter-allied memorial flower. These little symbols of remembrance of those who made the supreme sacrifice during the World War are made by the women and orphans of France, and the proceeds derived from their sale will be used not only for their assistance, but also to provide a relief fund to meet the distress occasioned by unemployment among our ex-service men.

Now, therefore, I, Ernest R. Hall, Acting Governor of the State of Arizona, do urge a statewide observance, by fitting ceremonies, of Tuesday, May thirtieth, 1922, designated by our laws as Memorial Day, and do especially call upon all ex-service men to take part in the memorial services and the decoration of the graves of our fallen comrades, in the realization that simultaneously the graves of those who sleep in foreign soil are being covered with the fairest flowers of France. And I do further recommend that in connection with the observance of Memorial Day, the emblem of the silk poppy be generally worn.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arizona to be affixed. Done at Phoenix, the Capital, this 12th day of May, 1922.

SEAL ERNEST R. HALL,
Acting Governor.
Attest: John McK. Redmond,
Assistant Secretary of State.

Commencement Exercises at St. Johns High School

This year will mark the first annual commencement of the St. Johns High School, and a very good program is being planned for the friends and patrons of the school. The graduating class this year numbers four and are as follows:

Tressye Napier, President of the class.

Charlotte Naegle, Sec.-Treas.

Alma Naegle.

Jack Tenney.

The change from a church school to a state high school and its attending change in courses of study worked a severe hardship on the students in readjusting themselves to new conditions. However, they responded nobly and have worked hard to catch up. The student body together with the Faculty and the people of the community have co-operated this year in getting the best results out of our school.

Commencement Exercises will begin with the Senior play "Mr. Bob" which will be given next Tuesday night, the 23d of May. This is a rollicking comedy and is guaranteed to send you away with a smile. So ever one who wishes to enjoy a first rate comedy. Come out. The show begins at 8:15. The cast is as follows: Philip Rynson (Juvenile), Art. Whiting, Robert Brown, Wiley Peterson, Jenkins (dignified butler, Romeo.)

Alma Naegle

Rebecca Luke (Old maid), Marjorie Barrett

Katherine Rogers (her niece), Lottie Naegle

Marion Bryant (Mr. Bob), Velma Thompson

Patty (maid Juliet), Tressye Napier.

Wednesday night, the 24th, the St. Johns High School Band will give a big free concert under the direction of Mr. J. Alfred Anderson, our talented music teacher. This night will be absolutely free and the public is cordially invited and urged to come out and enjoy the music. This will be a treat to music lovers as there will be brass quartettes, quintettes, saxophone quartettes and many other worthwhile numbers to numerous to mention. Mr. Anderson has won unstinted praise by the manner in which he has developed the High School Band this year. Many of the members at the first of the year barely knew one note from another, but under his direction they have improved steadily until it will be a hard job to find a band in a high school of this size or even larger that is superior to it.

Thursday night, the 25th, there will be given a Dramatic Sketch and Concert. The Dramatic Sketch, "Drifted Apart" will be given by Mrs. Pauline Anderson and Frank M. Whiting, while the Concert will be under the direction of Mr. J. Alfred Anderson. A nominal admission fee will be charged, the proceeds of which will go to the Band fund.

Friday morning at 10 a. m. will be held at the High School Senior Class Day exercises. The program will be announced later.

Friday night at the High School the first Annual Commencement exercises will be held. The program is as follows:

Coronation March (from the Prophet), Mayerbeer, H. S. Orchestra

Invocation.

Vocal Solo, "Sailing Through", Penn

Jack Tenney

Clarinet Solo, "Millennial Reverie"

Barnhouse, Joe Christensen, and

Harvy Platt.

Address, Judge A. S. Gibbons.

Magnetta Overture, Huff

High School Band

Presentation of Class, Principal John

H. Napier

Presentation of Diplomas

Recessional, DeKoven

High School Band.